

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1646  
Toshio ARIYASU et al ) Examiner: C. Kaufman  
Appln. No.: 09/617,545 ) Washington, D.C. /0/c  
Date Filed: July 14, 2000 ) May 9, 2002  
For: HEDGEHOG PROTEIN )  
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**REPLY TO PAPER NO. 8: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2001, petition for three months' extension of time and late fee being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Delete non-elected claims 8-10, 15 and 16 without prejudice to the present invention and without prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue the invention of such non-elected claims in a divisional application without any penalty whatsoever, applicants relying on Sections 121, 120 and 119.

Please amend the claims by rewriting claims 1-5, 11, 12 and 14 in its amended form as follows (attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the